

## ***A Message From The Lavender Farm***

The COVID-19 virus is causing extreme disruption to everyone's daily lives. At present we remain closed to business until the end of May. However, it would appear that this pandemic could keep us all on high alert for weeks and maybe months to come. We are constantly checking to see how the changes may affect us in the upcoming lavender season and how this may change how we operate during the wedding season. This is the situation to date.

### **\*\*\* MUNICIPALITIES HAVE STOPPED ISSUING MARRIAGE LICENSES DUE TO CLOSURES OF THEIR OFFICES \*\*\***

- Marriage licences are issued by the municipal clerk
- Marriage licences are valid for a period of 90 days
- You will not be married without a marriage licence

What to consider if you are planning a wedding in the near future?

1. You cannot get married without a marriage licence.
2. All gatherings of more than 50 people are prohibited at present.
3. Canadian borders are closed to all out of country guests at present.

What can you do to be responsible for the health and safety of your family and friends?

1. DO NOT PANIC and be flexible.
2. For any upcoming meetings with vendors, arrange to meet by telephone or video.
3. You should consider a plated meal rather than a buffet. Talk with your caterer about this.
4. Reduce your guest count to 50 or less, if necessary. This is the current restriction.
5. Ask your vendors about their COVID-19 protocol and make necessary adjustments
6. Encourage health compromised and elderly guests not to attend. You could consider streaming the ceremony or taking a video for those who can't attend.

What The Lavender Farm can do to keep you safe.

1. Hand sanitizers have been installed at strategic areas in the barn.
2. All areas will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized between events.
3. Barb will be holding all meetings over the phone. If you are using her service for an officiant, please call her at 519-632-7368 or email her at [barb@thelavenderfarm.ca](mailto:barb@thelavenderfarm.ca) to set up a telephone meeting to discuss your wedding service.
4. If you are able to obtain a marriage licence, we will continue with the ceremony with a limited number of guests until the restrictions are lifted.
5. We will work with your vendors to meet any restrictions they may have. It is your responsibility to check on your vendors to see that they are still able to cater your event.

**We are planning an open house on Sunday, May 31, 2020 for couples who have booked with us. At the moment it is still going forward. Watch our website [www.thelavenderfarm.ca](http://www.thelavenderfarm.ca) and Facebook page [lavenderinontario](https://www.facebook.com/lavenderinontario) for more information.**

We will do our best to help you have a special day without compromising the health and well being of you, your guests, vendors and the staff of The Lavender Farm. Please call us with your concerns and we will do everything in our power to assist.

We encourage everyone to do their part to slow the spread and to take all the necessary precautions to keep yourself and your loved ones safe from harm. Please check on those who are more vulnerable.

*Bob, Barb and Julie Gillies at The Lavender Farm*